



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

June 5, 2002

H.R. 3936

A bill to designate and provide for the management of the James V. Hansen Shoshone National Trail, and for other purposes

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on May 22, 2002

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 3936 would have no significant impact on the federal budget. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

H.R. 3936 would designate the James V. Hansen Shoshone National Trail on about 337 miles of existing trails within the Wasatch-Cache National Forest and adjacent federal lands located in Utah. The bill would direct the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to manage the proposed trail for recreational purposes in cooperation with local governments and Utah's Department of Natural Resources. The bill would permit the secretaries to acquire privately owned lands and interests from willing sellers and to expand the trail to include other federal and nonfederal lands.

According to the Forest Service, the trails that would be designated under H.R. 3936 already are managed for purposes similar to those outlined in the bill. Based on information from the agency, CBO estimates that any increase in federal spending to administer those trails or to acquire nonfederal lands or interests under H.R. 3936 would be less than \$500,000 a year, assuming the availability of appropriated funds.

H.R. 3936 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. The state of Utah and some county governments in that state could incur some costs if they chose to participate in managing the trail designated by this bill. Any such costs would be voluntary.

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